



*A CHRISTMAS TREE  
FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE  
from the  
Ft. Wood Fire Department*

# Avoid a Christmas Tree Inferno

A Christmas tree fire can make a home deadly and escape impossible in less than one minute.

Each year these fires account for:

- 33 deaths
- Serious injuries to 112 people
- Over \$21 million dollars in damage



# Christmas Tree Safety



- Non-Metallic UL or FM Listed Fire Resistant Artificial Trees are the safest.
- Metallic artificial trees present an increased risk of electric shock.

# Real Trees

- ◆ If you insist on a real tree choose a fresh one.
- ◆ Tap the trunk on the ground and shake the tree.
- ◆ Very few, if any needles should fall off.



# Christmas Tree Safety



- Cut the bottom two inches of the trunk off and immediately place the tree in water.
- The stand should be sturdy and the tree kept away from heat sources such as fire places, heaters, vents and candles.



# Christmas Trees Burn Rapidly

- ★ Don't place them near exits or hallways.



- ★ Dry trees ignite easily.
- ★ Water the tree daily.
- ★ A 6 foot tree will absorb a gallon of water every two days!



# Light the Tree Safely

**Never light a tree with  
candles!**



- ★ Use only lights designed for indoor use.
- ★ Use lights with a label by a recognized testing authority (UL or FM).
- ★ Never connect more than three strands together or to the same outlet.



If the tree starts dropping several needles it has become to dry!

- ✿ Its time to take the tree down.
- ✿ Dispose of it properly.
- ✿ Don't dispose of the tree in the fire place!





For more information on  
Holiday Fire Safety contact the  
Fort Wood Fire Department

**596-0883**

*The Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department  
Wishes You A Safe and*



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

